

THE GERMANS CLAIM THAT VERDUNE HAS BEEN ENCIRCLED BY THEIR TROOPS

THIS IS REGARDED BY GERMAN UNDERSTANDING TO MEAN THAT THE GREAT FRENCH ARMY HAS BEEN BOTTLED UP, AND WILL BE FORCED TO SURRENDER, IS THE GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT TODAY.

RUSSIAN CLAIMS DENIED

GERMANS CLAIM TO BE MAINTAINING THEIR POSITIONS IN EAST PRUSSIA AND NORTHERN POLAND, AND ARE MAKING GAINS WEST OF WARSAW.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—It is officially announced the Germans have captured the city of Verdune. In the Argonne the Germans took several trenches, almost annihilating the occupants. In Poland the Germans repulsed the Russians attempting to cross the river Skirwa.

It is announced that Verdune has been encircled by the German troops. This is generally taken to mean that the great French army has been bottled up and will be forced to surrender. Russian reports of successes in east Prussia and northern Poland are officially denied today. The Germans are maintaining their positions in these regions, and are making gains west of Warsaw. The official report states the Russian offensive has been broken.

The battle at Tanga, German East Africa, the greatest that has occurred in any of her colonies, was a veritable feat of arms, says a statement given out by the official press bureau. "The governor reports that the fighting occurred on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of November. The English appeared on Tanga with two battle ships and twelve transports. They demanded unconditional surrender of the place, which was refused. One European and four Indian regiments were landed under the heavy guns of the ships.

"The British fought bitterly for three days, but were driven off with great loss. The fight lasted fourteen

PRESIDENT WILL PASS THROUGH BIG DITCH. Make Journey Through Panama On a Battle Ship.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Approval by congress of a change in plans for the cruise of the Atlantic and visiting foreign war ships to San Francisco to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal was all that was needed yesterday to make the program for the event complete.

When congress authorized the cruise it was expressly provided that the United States should invite the maritime nations of the world to send naval vessels to Hampton Roads in connection with the celebration. The European war has made this impossible, and the plan has been abandoned.

In announcing the program Secretary Daniels said that instead of the international rendezvous at Hampton Roads, the vessels would proceed directly to Cristobal, at the entrance to the canal, and pass through to the Pacific side at stated intervals.

The secretary pointed out that the isthmus would be a more convenient gathering point both for the American fleet and the few visiting vessels that will participate. Thus far only Spain, Portugal, Argentina and Cuba have accepted invitations.

Legislation by congress will now be necessary to make the change in the program, and Secretary Daniels said yesterday he was confident that it would be forthcoming immediately.

While Colonel Goethals has said that he could not guarantee passage through the canal, because of earth slides, the view that it will be possible. The vanguard of the Atlantic fleet will pass through the canal February 26, followed by other vessels daily until March 19. At that time President Wilson, aboard the battle ship New York, will transfer to the old Oregon for the trip through the canal.

Secretary Daniels has announced the following program:

"The following vessels are expected to take part in the celebration incident to opening of the canal:

"Argentina will send the battle ship Moreno, flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Betheder; Cuba will send the cruiser Cuba; Portugal will send the cruiser Almirante Reis and the dispatch boat Ontonero; Spain will send the battle ship Espana. Vice-Admiral Don Ramon Estrada Catalva has been appointed by the Spanish government as its naval representative."

BRITISH SHAKES PAROLE AND MAKE THEIR ESCAPE.

London, Jan. 18.—The British naval officers interned in Holland, formally notified the authorities some time ago of their desire to be relieved from their parole, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam. From that time forward they were strictly confined to camp, but early last week seven escaped. Two obtained an automobile and it is understood have reached England. Others were recaptured at Harderwijk.

TURKISH ARMY LEAVING WASTE IN ITS WAKE

IS DEVASTATING EASTERN ARMENIA AND NORTHWESTERN PERSIA, LEAVING DESERT BEHIND, WITH THOUSANDS FREEZING TO DEATH.

Tiflis, Jan. 13.—The Turkish army is devastating eastern Armenia and northwestern Persia, leaving a desert behind. Thousands are freezing to death in the mountain passes. In Trans-Caucasia the Turks have begun the slaughter of Christians. A famine is spreading over northern Persia.

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—The Turkish advance guard occupied Tapriz, Persia, Wednesday.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—The Turks have occupied Irbid and taken all the dominating frontier positions during the past fortnight's fighting. A deep snow is impeding operations in the vicinity of Oltu and Ardahan.

THE TWO-FAMILY GARDEN.

The garden spot is the most productive fraction of an acre on most farms, yet on many it is often one of the most neglected in many respects. In the hurry and rush of the spring work it is mowed, possibly, and plowed and planted, or partly planted, and then the care of it falls to the women and children. If the farmer were to carefully consider the proportion of the family living that comes from the garden, he would realize that it deserves much more careful attention than it receives from him.

Not only can the garden be made much more profitable, and help out the family ration by increasing it and also by balancing it somewhat better, but it can be made a means of considerable supplement to the income received from the principal farm industries. By having a two-family garden—that is, raising enough for two families and finding a customer in town or city who would like to have garden and other products direct from the farm at least once each week—more could be realized from the farm, both for the family table and the family purse. Many a town or city housewife would be glad to receive a good sized market basketful of fresh garden stuff directly from the producer by parcel post, express, or direct delivery by the farmer's own conveyance—whatever would prove the most satisfactory and economical.

While there is quite a list of vegeta-

bles that can be grown in practically any garden, yet very many gardens are limited to a comparatively small number of vegetables, a few others being included rather incidentally. In undertaking to conduct a two-family garden one of the first things of importance is to secure contact with the town or city consumer to be supplied. This is important because the city family has probably been using many kinds of vegetables that the farmer has not raised, at least not in any quantity, and the plan for next year's garden should be begun as early as possible. The kinds of vegetables to be raised should be decided upon after learning the quantities and kinds used by the city family concerned; good seed secured in plenty of time, and such work done toward the preparation of the garden as the weather will allow. Winter vegetables, as well as those used direct from the garden in summer, should be kept in mind. These include not only such as dry navy, kidney, and lima beans, but also lettuce, kale, spinach, cabbage, celery, carrots, turnips, and the like, depending on the particular section of the country. As stated above, the town or city consumer will likely desire vegetables that are not now particularly used or cared for by the farm family, but the aim should be to produce that which would be desired by the customer as well as that desired by the farm family if the plan is to succeed.

In planning for a two-family garden, not only should the different kinds of vegetables be provided for, but particular attention should be paid to the desires of the customer with reference to quality. Many city housewives, for instance, may desire stringless beans; when they ask for these they have in mind more a quality than a variety name, and if they ask for stringless beans and are assured that they can receive them, and then when they come to use them find that they have strings, they will not only be disappointed to a considerable extent, but discouraged at the idea of direct marketing as being preferable to securing their vegetables in the ordinary way from the city market or grocery store.

While it will not be possible to enter to all the whims of the would-be consumer, it must be kept in mind that the farmer's family usually takes such quality as is produced without any particular questioning, but when a city consumer orders from a farmer he expects to get produce of a quality which he has in mind, and every endeavor should be made to meet his reasonable requirements so that the business may be established upon a mutually satisfactory working basis. Give a purchaser what he or she wants and is willing to pay for.

Not only will this plan provide an outlet for vegetables (and it is practically as easy to raise vegetables for two families as for one), but it will also establish a contact through which various other farm products may be marketed.

AUSTRIA MAKES APOLOGIES TO SWITZERLAND

FOR THE ARREST OF SWISS MINISTER AND DANISH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES. WEATHER IMPEDES FIGHTING.

Vienna, Jan. 13.—Austria today apologized to Switzerland for the arrest of the Swiss minister and Danish charge d'affaires, arrested Sunday because they insisted on talking English and French on a train.

It is reported Russia is sending a heavy army into Serbia.

The Austrian official communication issued yesterday says:

"The enemy's attempt to force the Nida river in southern Poland was repulsed yesterday with violent artillery fire. Thousands of dead and wounded were left in front of our positions. In the forenoon a strong hostile force attacked, but crumpled up under our fire.

Simultaneously an artillery battle took place south of the Vistula. On this occasion one of our batteries succeeded in getting the range of a farm, and the Russians, who had been there for some days, were compelled to evacuate.

"In the Carpathians, serious fighting is impeded by the weather.

"In the Ung valley the enemy has retired nearer the Czech Pass.

"The report that Premysl sent representatives to parley with the enemy January 10 is baseless."

PRESIDENT WILSON NOT A CANDIDATE.

Declares Misconstruction Was Placed On His Utterances at Indianapolis.

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson declared yesterday that he was not thinking of announcing his candidacy for 1916 when he made the statement in his Indianapolis speech recently that the people of the United States might have a chance to judge of his acts.

His utterance was interpreted by the audience and by others at the time as a hint that he might be a candidate for re-nomination. The president explained to callers yesterday that what he had in mind was future generations would pass upon his acts as president.

The president refused absolutely to discuss the question of being a candidate. Efforts were made to get an expression of opinion on the one term plank of the Baltimore platform, but Mr. Wilson shook his head and refused to answer questions. He said that he could not talk about himself.

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